<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A data-providing apparatus for editing image data in response to a demand transmitted from a data-processing apparatus through the Internet, said data-providing apparatus comprising:

first acquisition means for acquiring one or more scenarios, each scenario comprising a plurality of video scenes and each video scene lasting for a predetermined period of time, in response to a demand made by a user of the data-processing apparatus using a web browser;

second acquisition means for acquiring a predetermined number of ~~image data items~~ <u>video clips</u> that are used in each scenario, in response to a demand made by the user of the data-processing apparatus using the web browser, wherein the second acquisition means acquires the ~~image data items~~ <u>video clips</u> supplied from another data-processing apparatus other than the data-providing apparatus;

user video-data management means for storing said one or more scenarios and said ~~image data items~~ <u>video clips</u>;

receiving means for receiving ~~image data items~~ <u>video clips</u> transmitted by the user from the data-processing apparatus through the Internet using the web browser;

means for selecting the ~~image data items~~ <u>video clips</u> acquired by the second acquisition means and for randomly allocating the selected ~~image data items~~ <u>video clips</u> to video scenes of a scenario acquired by the first acquisition means <u>until each video scene of the scenario has been randomly allocated a corresponding one of the video clips</u>; and

editing means for editing the ~~image data items~~ <u>video clips</u> that are received by the receiving means and allocated to the video scenes of the acquired scenario.

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2. (Currently Amended) The data-providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein special effects are allocated to the video scenes of the acquired scenario, the apparatus further comprising effect-applying means for applying the special effects to the ~~image data items~~ video clips allocated to the video scenes of the acquired scenario.

3. (Currently Amended) The data-providing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising transmission control means for controlling a transmission of the image data generated by applying the special effects to the ~~image data items~~ video clips by the effect-applying means.

4. (Currently Amended) The data-providing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising recording control means for controlling a recording of the image data generated by applying the special effects to the ~~image data items~~ video clips by the effect-applying means.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The data-providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of music items are allocated to the one or more scenarios.

7-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A data-providing method for use in a data-providing apparatus for editing image data in response to a demand transmitted from a data-processing apparatus through the Internet, said data-providing method comprising

acquiring one or more scenarios, each scenario comprising a plurality of video scenes and each video scene lasting for a predetermined period of time, in response to a demand made by a user of the data-processing apparatus using a web browser;

acquiring a predetermined number of ~~image data items~~ video clips that are used in each scenario, in response to a demand made by the user of the data-processing apparatus using the web browser, wherein the ~~image data items~~ video clips are acquired from another data-processing apparatus other than the data-providing apparatus;

storing said one or more scenarios and said ~~image data items~~ video clips in the user video-data management device;

receiving, at a receiving device, ~~image data items~~ video clips transmitted by the user from the data-processing apparatus through the Internet using the web browser;

selecting the ~~image data items~~ video clips acquired in the second acquiring step;

randomly allocating the selected ~~image data items~~ video clips to the video scenes of a scenario acquired in the first acquiring step until each video scene of the scenario has been randomly allocated a corresponding one of the video clips; and

editing the ~~image data items~~ video clips that are received at the receiving device in the receiving step and allocated to the video scenes of the acquired scenario.

10. (Currently Amended) A ~~program storing~~ computer readable medium which stores a computer-readable program, the program being used in a data-providing apparatus for editing image data in response to a demand transmitted from a data-processing apparatus through the Internet, the program comprising the steps of:

acquiring one or more scenarios, each scenario comprising a plurality of video scenes and each video scene lasting for a predetermined period of time, in response to a demand made by a user of the data-processing apparatus using a web browser;

acquiring a predetermined number of ~~image data items~~ <u>video clips</u> that are used in

each scenario, in response to a demand made by the user of the data-processing apparatus

using the web browser, wherein the ~~image data items~~ <u>video clips</u> are acquired from another

data-processing apparatus other than the data-providing apparatus;

storing said one or more scenarios and said ~~image data items~~ <u>video clips</u> in a user

video-data management device;

receiving, at a receiving device, ~~image data items~~ <u>video clips</u> transmitted by the user

from the data-processing apparatus through the Internet using the web browser;

selecting the ~~image data items~~ <u>video clips</u> acquired in the second acquiring step;

randomly allocating the selected ~~image data items~~ <u>video clips</u> to the video scenes of a

scenario acquired in the first acquiring step <u>until each video scene of the scenario has been</u>

<u>randomly allocated a corresponding one of the video clips</u>; and

editing the ~~image data items~~ <u>video clips</u> that are received at the receiving device in the

receiving step and allocated to the video scenes of the acquired scenario.

11. (Currently Amended) The data-providing apparatus according to claim 1,

wherein the editing means is capable of editing the ~~image data items~~ <u>video clips</u> transmitted

by the user and received by the receiving means, together with the one or more scenarios and

the ~~image data items~~ <u>video clips</u> stored at the user video-data management means.

12. (Currently Amended) A data-providing apparatus for editing image data in

response to a demand transmitted from a data-processing apparatus through the Internet, said

data-providing apparatus comprising:

a first processing mechanism configured to acquire one or more scenarios, each

scenario comprising a plurality of video scenes and each video scene lasting for a

predetermined period of time, in response to a demand made by a user of the data-processing

apparatus using a web browser;

a second processing mechanism configured to acquire a predetermined number of

~~image data items~~ video clips that are used in each scenario in response to a demand made by

the user of the data-processing apparatus using the web browser, wherein the second

processing mechanism is configured to acquire the ~~image data items~~ video clips supplied

from another data-processing apparatus other than the data-providing apparatus;

a user video-data management mechanism configure to store said one or more

scenarios and said ~~image data items~~ video clips;

a receiving mechanism configured to receive ~~image data items~~ video clips transmitted

by the user from the data-processing apparatus through the Internet using the web browser;

an image selecting mechanism configure to select the ~~image data items~~ video clips

acquired by the second acquisition means;

an image allocating mechanism configured to randomly allocate the selected ~~image~~

~~data items~~ video clips to video scenes of a scenario acquired by the first acquisition means

until each video scene of the scenario has been randomly allocated a corresponding one of the

video clips; and

an editing mechanism configured to edit the ~~image data items~~ video clips received by

the receiving mechanism and that are allocated to the video scenes of the acquired scenario.

13. (Currently Amended) The data-providing apparatus according to claim 12,

wherein the editing mechanism is configured to edit the ~~image data items~~ video clips

transmitted by the user and received by the receiving mechanism, together with the one or

more scenarios and the ~~image data items~~ video clips stored at the user video-data

management mechanism.

14. (Currently Amended) The data-providing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

means for lengthening ~~an image data item~~ a video clip when the ~~image data item~~ video clip is allocated to a scene that is longer than the image data item.

15. (Currently Amended) The data-providing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

means for randomly selecting a portion of the image data item when the image data item is allocated to a scene that is shorter than the image data item.

16. (New) The data-providing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

means for allocating each of the one or more scenarios to a corresponding button displayed in the web browser.